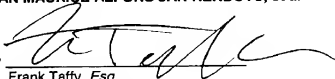


CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place the present claims in compliant form in accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003. WHEREFORE, entry of the amendments provided herewith, reconsideration of the claims as amended in light of the Remarks provided, withdrawal of the claims rejections, and allowance of claims 1, 27 to 49 and 54 to 62, as amended, are respectfully requested. In the event that issues remain prior to allowance of the noted claims, then the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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